

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 148

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to the Nathan Shapell Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 73, Bass. The Nathan Shapell Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the Nathan Shapell Memorial Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell was a man of integrity and principle, a builder of lives who was dedicated to helping others less fortunate. A survivor of the Holocaust, he was determined to not only rebuild his own life, but to help others rebuild theirs. For more than five years after World War II, he built a community for thousands of displaced people and survivors of the camps before emigrating to the United States in the early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell built a highly successful real estate development company that is recognized as an industry leader and highly respected as a role model for corporate philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell dedicated a major portion of his life to public service. He was a past President and Executive Board Member of the American Academy of Achievement and served as a Member of President Reagan's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control. He founded and cochaired Building a Better Los Angeles, a one-time project that raised over \$1 million for the homeless. In 1987, he accepted the position of President of D.A.R.E. America, a renowned drug abuse resistance education program. In 1992, Governor Pete Wilson appointed him to serve as a member of the California Competitiveness Council and develop recommendations to revitalize California's economy; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell's greatest public contributions were made through his 29 years of service on California's "Little Hoover Commission." As chairman for an unprecedented 18 years of this one-of-a-kind commission, he helped save taxpayers billions of dollars and improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of Californians in areas that include nursing home operations, children's services, property management, transportation, the Medi-Cal program, and public education; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Shapell's commitment to service on behalf of the public was recognized in 1986 when Santa Clara University bestowed upon him an honorary Doctorate of Public Service degree. In 1987, Tel Aviv University awarded Mr. Shapell a Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa. He chronicled the early years of his life in his book, "Witness to the Truth"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shapell lived in Beverly Hills until his death on March 11, 2007. His daughter and son-in-law, Vera and Paul Guerin, and his grandchildren, Lisa, Dana, and Michael, live in Los Angeles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 405 from Howard Hughes Parkway to Mulholland Drive in the County of Los Angeles as the Nathan Shapell Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signage requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.